

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But forcing local stations to broadcast partisan political propaganda just before a federal election, without adequate time for reply, is a violation of the public trust.

If Sinclair broadcasts this segment without allowing the Kerry-Edwards campaign equal time - at a similar broadcast date and time - to reply, the FCC should conduct a public investigation.